

Schuylers County League of Women Voters

Bulletin...



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Special points of interest...

- **Wed, April 28th, 10:00 AM LWV Registration, 10:15 AM LWV Membership Meeting, 11:45 AM LWV Luncheon, \$12.95. Watkins Glen Harbor Hotel. Reservations, Page 2.**
- **The May Board meeting will be held beginning at 7:30 AM. (Venue TBA)**
- **All members are welcome to attend!**
- **Give potential new members the LWV web site... all the information and contact numbers are there! Voting info? It's all there too!**
- **www.schuylervotes.com**

April 28th ANNUAL LWV MEETING...

April Showers Bring May Flowers...

We are all feeling and seeing the changes in the air, trees are budding, the crocus and forsythia are blooming, and more importantly for the League, changes are inevitable. The BIGGEST change is the president hand-over of the gavel. Max Neal is a hard act to follow but Jim Wilson is a leader in his own right. This is an historic Presidency for our local League...since 1955, Jim will become the first man to take up the gavel for 2010!



Pictured above; Schuylers Cty Election Commissioners J. Fazzary and J. Vona. LWV President Max Neal and LWV Programs Chair Jean Kosty. The March 17th St Patrick's Day LWV meeting was held at The Moose Club.

Message from LWV President...

At the April 28th Annual Membership meeting, Jim Wilson will be assuming the role as the first male President of the Schuylers County League of Women Voters. This is exciting as it demonstrates how the League has progressed over the years and embraced diversity in structure and organization! We are a forceful team, given your participation and support, we will continue to be a force under the leadership of Jim.

It has been an honor and a privilege to serve as your President this past year; and, I believe, as a League team, we made a

difference; the challenge is to continue to make a difference as we navigate the course set before us. The message this month is all about the Annual Membership meeting, April 28th beginning at 10:00 a.m. at the Harbor Hotel in Watkins Glen. Please do get your reservations in to Donna Beardsley or me, as soon as possible? (Page 2, contact numbers)

This year's annual membership meeting will focus on board recommendation relative to organizational and structural changes. After a year-long series of discussions regarding the future of

the League, the Executive Committee unanimously approved (Board approval anticipated at the April Board meeting) to bring its concerns and suggested solutions to the full membership for discussion and a vote. So, please, do plan to attend and participate in the discussion .. your voice is crucial to our future. Annual Membership Meeting notices were sent earlier this month via email and snail mail and the information contained a document addressing recommendations from the Board. See you at the April 28th Annual Membership Meeting ... we will be adopting a budget, electing officers and directors and discussing the future of YOUR League.

Wishing you a joyous Spring filled with special surprises and new beginnings!
MAX

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From across Max's desk...

We encourage you to join a Committee if you haven't already, or re-join if you've taken a hiatus. The following Committee Chairs **WELCOME** you! Bulletin Chair, Judy Lampman 546-4051; Publicity Chair, Jim Wilson 535-6934; Health, Welfare & Women's Issues Co-chairs, Janet Meaney 243-7377 & Virginia Houseknecht 535-9715; Hospitality Co-chairs, Shirley & Jerry Kohena 546-2641; Membership Chair, Donna Beardsley 535-7676; Natural Resources (Retired committee); Program Chair, Jean Kosty 535-8195; Publicity Chair, Jim Wilson; Voter Services Chair, Marcia Douglas 535-4052; Web Site Chair, Judy Lampman 546-4051; Youth Program TBD. The Nominating Committee are appointed positions.

All eyes, ears, and thoughts are on this year's historical elections and the importance of getting out the vote. John Vona (Democrat) and Joe Fazzary (Republican), Board of Elections were guest speakers at the

March Membership Meeting. Their presentation was excellent; the question and answer period meaningful, and a myriad of information was shared. However, we were hoping for a larger turn-out.

Stand up and be counted! The 2010 census is underway and we encourage you all to respond; and, know that your response is required by Law. Your answers are confidential. Census results are used to decide the number of representatives each state has in the U.S. Congress; the amount of government money our neighborhoods receives; supporting many services for us all. So grab that pen now and fill out the form ... it should take you approximately ten minutes!

MAX



The 2010 Yardstick will be ready for the April Annual Meeting. Many THANKS to all who helped, to those Committees that submitted their Reports, and most of all to our LWV members who sent their updated information in a timely manner. A special thanks to Ellen Coleman who facilitated the printing of the Yardstick.

Max

*It's all just glitch and glam! Bulletin/Web Editor needs help, Call Judy Lampman 546-4051 or e-mail her at terrylamp@aol.com
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Doings...

The April 8th Board meeting was held at the Watkins Glen Area Chamber of Commerce office.

The Board has been very busy working over the last year on ways to make the LWV relevant and affordable in terms of time (member participation) and money (Dues, Patron donations and Fundraising). For the Annual Meeting Wednesday, April 28th (last Wed of month) a White Paper will be introduced to members concerning Board Recommendations of the Future of the Schuyler County League of Women Voters. These are recommendations only, and the Board will be

You do not want to miss the LWV April 28th meeting! History and discoveries will be made! RESERVE your space ASAP. The Watkins Glen Harbor Hotel needs a head count. Please call Donna Beardsley 535-7676 OR Max Neal 535-6169 or e-mail maxn@lightlink.com to make your reservations. Lunch \$12.95.

looking forward to your input!

UPCOMING LEAGUE DATES:

4/28/10 LWV Annual Luncheon Meeting, Watkins Glen Harbor Hotel, lunch \$12.95, time, 11:45. 10:00 AM Members' Registration, 10:15 Annual Membership Meeting, — 11:45 luncheon, Program Discussion of Board recommendations for League's future.

5/13/10 LWV Board Meeting, 7:30 AM (TBA)

5/19/10 LWV Luncheon Meeting (Venue/program TBA)

6/2010 LWV June Picnic, Carol Bower's. July and August—Have a great summer!

STATE LWV site:

www.lwvny.org

NATIONAL LWV web site:

www.lwv.org



A Spring Thank You to all our Patrons!

Print off this page and post by your telephone or computer, please call our Patrons first. Our PATRONS are also listed on the 'Contacts' page of our LWV web site with 'links' to their own business web sites.

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